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**THE NEXT SPEAKER.**

The next political contest to which the people will devote somewhat close attention, although they may have no real interest in it, relates to the speakership of the House in the next Congress. The west has two candidates, or rather the west has one and the individual commonwealth of Ohio has another. Of course the east comes forward with a candidate or two. Joe Cannon of Illinois is making the race against McKinley of Ohio. As this seems to be Cannon's harvest year people are found wondering how formidable his candidacy may really become. The correspondents are of the opinion that Joe has the support of President Harrison. This is probably true, and thus the question becomes one of the amount of influence that is wielded by the president. About this there is a great difference of opinion.

A prominent republican of our city is speaking about the matter yesterday, and expressed his opinion by saying that he would bet a dollar to a nickel that Cannon would be beaten should it turn out that he is the president's candidate. The same prominent republican related a little incident that came up a few days ago. He told it as a reason for the 20 to 1 odds that was in him. According to this story a delegation of Illinois gentlemen went to St. Louis a short time ago in an endeavor to win the Missouri congressmen over to the support of Cannon. One of the arguments that was to be advanced by the emissaries from Illinois was to the effect that Cannon was Harrison's candidate. As soon as the Missourians were approached about their choice for speaker they announced that they were inclined to favor McKinley, provided he did not have the support of the president. This spoiled the little speech that the Illinois men had intended to make, but they managed to make a tolerable climax by ordering the champagne for all hands round.

Now those who have watched the course of Harrison will have grave doubts about the above story representing the true feeling of the members of the House. If Harrison is not strong with the representatives, where in the world can he have any strength? He has got into a fight with the Senate. His policy has been to entangle the fight of senators to make nominations and give the representatives a larger voice. This is certainly the course so far as Illinois goes. Over in Missouri we are told that the entire federal patronage has been given to the few republican congressmen who accidentally harass the state. If those congressmen get gay, Harrison can take the large basket of loaves and fishes away from them. It will not do to say that it can't be taken away because there is no republican senator from that state to whom it can be turned over. We must always remember that there exists a certain Russell Harrison who can always be depended on to distribute the rewards of patriotism in refractory states. If it becomes necessary, this youth can do the work for 42 states just as easily as for one. The Missouri congressmen will have their attention called to this little last ditch of the president, and probably they will again come into their political reason.

But why should the president expect in gratitude from the representatives? He has thrown over the house of lords and taken up with the house of commons. It is a matter of history that this old game has always been popular with the commons. Just imagine our Capt. Rowell kicking over the traces because the president should give him full swing in naming the men who might hold federal office in this district. Rowell knows what he is for, and it is safe to assume that the average congressman, even a republican from Missouri, knows as much as Rowell. Now as a guess in political politics, it is safe to say that if Harrison gives these fellows enlarged power, they will be willing to reciprocate by taking Joe Cannon to their bosoms. And they say that Joe is a pretty good fellow, sociable and popular, so the republicans might follow him for his own sweetness, forgetting all about the acid taste of that morsel, Harrison. If Cannon goes into the House with the support of the president, we may expect him to make a very fine showing or we may expect the creation of a third estate in which there will be none but Harrison's people upon whom the head of the family can always depend. Remember this is Joe's harvest and his sickle is the president. It looks as if he might make a good deal of hay.

**EDISON.**

The telegrams yesterday announced an important move in connection with Edison's phonograph. A company is being formed in New York to put the machines into post-offices in Mexico. They are to be put in for the benefit of the classes who cannot write. Such a man will step up to one of these machines, speak out the sentiments of his unburdened soul, then the cylinder will be wrapped in a box and addressed by the obliging postoffice clerk. The man at the other end of the proposed journey will put his cylinder in another phonograph machine and listen to his friend's speech. All this looks like a great scheme, but it is unfortunate that anyone should propose to confine it to the people who can neither read nor write. What a great scheme this would be for lovers. Those who can read as well as those who cannot. Hereafter they have been compelled to depend entirely on the poor satisfaction that can be got out of writing. For the fine delights of intonation they have had to depend entirely upon the imagination, rather poorly assisted by an eliding memory. Just imagine how

superior would be a love phonograph to the old-time love letter. The new scheme will transmit the devoted one's laugh, the audible smile, the tears as well as the cheers that are in the throat. Oh it is a great thing, and being the invention of a citizen of the United States, it looks like a shame to give the unappreciative Mexicans the chance. Those greasers will be allowed to grunt at each other while all our finely trained tongues must lose themselves in soulless paper. That New York company will do well to give the people of this country a chance to hear each other talk.

But seriously, what an immense change will be wrought by the perfected phonograph. Mr. Edison has done wonders so far; all his work is of the wonderful kind, but the greatest is the thing of preserving and perpetuating the individual human voice. Edison is the only man who would have thought of such a thing as that, and probably the only man who ever lived who would have attempted it. He is becoming recognized as the world's greatest man. What he will accomplish, should he live the allotted time, the imagination does not dare to guess.

And yet how easily he wears his honors. He presents the world with a great triumph of genius and skill, and at once begins to work on a greater. He does not stop to hear the praises that are poured out from every side. Even when he must have recreation he doesn't find it in dress, parade, instead of posing before the world in a stately style of walk, he prefers to go out with the boys and pick up a little recreation that has genuine fun in it. We can expect any amount of good work from such a man, and this one does not disappoint any of our expectations. If the spirits in the stars will their share of the work, Edison will furnish an arrangement by which we can communicate with them.

There is a report abroad that The Herald man broke inside the railing at the Western Union office last Saturday night. The operator in charge has his attention called to the fate of his predecessor, who is now sojourning somewhere in the rural districts. Better look the gate, as The Herald man seems unable to read that sign which says "positively no admittance."

TALMAGE has essayed to preach a sermon in Italy. He does not pretend to speak the Italian language, but he gets there with the aid of gesture. He makes himself easily understood in all places except a blind asylum.

MONTANA has two legislatures. The older States find one a surfeit of sufficiency. But if the people in Montana find the legislatures a burden they can turn them loose at each other in a 40 acre lot.

He is the last cracked songster of summer and he gets \$5 a day, but he will soon join the swallows—But then upon second thought we will waste no sympathy on the ugly swallow.

The president's proclamation does not ask The Herald to take down its affidavit next Thursday morning, but the request is there by implication.

YALL has beaten Harvard at football. The captain of the winning team would like to arrange any sort of a match with John L. Sullivan.

The Census Will Show Less Deafness. Washington, Nov. 25, 1919.—It is claimed that there will be considerably falling off in the percentage of deaf people in the Census of 1920, owing to the extended use of the sound disc invented by a citizen of Bridgeport Conn., named H. A. Wales.

Chicago Market. The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1:15 p. m. yesterday, received by G. G. Caldwell, secretary Decatur Grain Co.:  
WHEAT—Dec. 78½; Jan. 80; May, 82½.  
CORN—Dec., 31½; Jan. 31; May, 33½.  
OATS—Dec., 20; May, 22½.  
PORE—Nov. 88.50; Jan. 82.75.  
LARD—Nov. 86.10; Jan. 85.75.  
RIBS—Nov. 55.37; Jan. 54.85.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:  
Live Stock—Hogs, 30,000; market lower.  
Cattle, 16,000; market slow.  
Grain—Car Lots—Winter Wheat, 71; Spring Wheat, 189; Corn, 558; Oats, 191.

Tried to Beat the Train. A horse hitched to a baker's wagon became frightened at a passing train at the Edward street crossing and struck down the track at a rate that only needs a little practice to develop him into a Maud S. sort of a character. He ran alongside of a western-bound train until Marietta street was reached, when taking that thoroughfare, he kept on until he reached the suburbs, when he was caught and delivered to his driver, who was a close second in the race. The Review man could not get close enough to the horse or driver to learn whose it was, and no one else seemed to know.

Severely Shocked. Elmer Hill, motor man on car 4, of the Decatur Electric Railway, while standing with one hand on the brake box and the other on the brake, received an electric shock which threw him back against the door of the car and partially paralyzed his right arm. He recovered the entire use of his arm in the course of a couple of hours, but it was a severe shock.

Real Estate Transfers. Rosa Ballard to Albert T. Summers, a lot on Herkimer street, near Sycamore street: \$350.  
A. Culp to John A. Brown, lot 3 on Clayton street, near Hickory: \$250.  
J. F. Payne to Thomas Watts, 36 acres in Decatur township: \$2,000.  
Martin P. Murphy to Henry C. Kaylor, a tract in Wheatland township: \$4,000.

Died in Kansas. A telegram was received yesterday announcing the death in Kansas of the wife of W. B. Craycroft, of Mt. Zion, one of the very earliest settlers in Macon county. With her husband she started to Texas in the hope that the change might improve her health, but it seems that she was weaker than was supposed when they left. The body will be brought back to-day.

He Was Returned. The blooded dog stolen from James Yeale, the loss of which was advertised in Sunday's Review, was returned to its owner a short time after the issue of the paper. It pays to advertise in THE REVIEW.

Thanksgiving Services. Rev. Father P. J. Mackin will hold high mass at 9 o'clock on the morning of Thanksgiving day at St. Patrick's church.

**AN EXTRAORDINARY SALE**  
OF Ladies' Muslin Underwear.  
LOT 1, CHOICE 10 CENTS.  
Children's Muslin Drawers, all sizes, with deep Hem and Cluster Tucks, Six worked Buttons Holes, Lock Stitch, Felled Seams, only 10c a pair, worth 20c.  
Heavy Twilled Waists, made as you would make them at home, finished with Felled Seams and worked Button Holes, only 10c worth 20c.  
LOT 2, CHOICE 25 CENTS.  
Ladies' genuine Fruit of the Loom Drawers, with Yoke Bands and Tapes, all sizes, 25c.  
A magnificent assortment V-Shaped Corset Covers, trimmed with deep Hamburg Edging and heavy Torsion Laces, all sizes, fit guaranteed, only 25c, worth 50c.  
Children's Lace Trimmed and Ladies' Torsion Trimmed Undershirts, 25c.  
Children's Fine Hamburg Trimmed Drawers, made from Fruit of the Loom Muslin, all ages, from 2 to 14 years, 25c.  
LOT 3, CHOICE 30 CENTS.  
Ladies' Chemises, with Solid Yoke, fine Tucking and all over Embroidery, all sizes, 30c.  
Ladies' Fruit of the Loom Drawers, Trimmed with Heavy Lined Torsion Lace and Hamburg Edging, with clusters of Tucks, 30c.  
LOT 4, CHOICE 50 CENTS.  
Ladies' Night Gowns, with solid yoke of Tucking, and clusters of Tucks, and Hamburg Insertions and Edging, 50c, worth 75c.  
Ladies' Extra Solid Skirts, with deep Hamburg and Camille Placements and clusters of Tucks, 50c, worth 75c.  
Elaborately Trimmed Corset Covers, handsome patterns, 50c.  
Ladies' Drawers, with Hamburg and Torsion Lace Edging and Insertion, with two clusters of Tucks, 50c.  
Infants' fine Camille Slips and Short Dresses, 50c.  
Fancy Embroidered Aprons, 50c.  
The prettiest line of Chemises ever shown at 50c.  
LOT 5, CHOICE 75 CENTS.  
A complete assortment Ladies' High Grade Night Gowns, Embroidered and Elaborately Trimmed Skirts, handsome Corset Covers, Drawers, about five styles Chemises, Slips, Dresses, etc.  
The opportunity was presented us for securing a line of standard, first-class garments, at prices far below the wholesale cost. The same opportunity is now offered our lady patrons to secure these goods at one-third and in many cases at one-half the usual retail prices. An early examination of this immense display is requested.  
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## MORNING REVIEW

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1888.

### GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

Prof. Conradt is sick. Jack Crow has gone to Springfield. Colonel D. H. Conklin went to Springfield yesterday morning. J. W. K. McClure, of Blue Mound, was a visitor yesterday to Decatur.

Mrs. C. L. Hovey went to Bloomington yesterday morning on a visit.

Nick Kenney and two boys spent Sunday and Monday at St. Louis.

Mrs. E. Lewis, of Wayne county, Iowa, is the guest of her brother, S. S. Ewing.

M. E. Schroeder has been sick the last few days, but is now better.

Mrs. M. W. Schultz is recovering from an illness of more than a week's duration.

D. W. Brennan left yesterday for a business visit at Spearville, Kan.

Miss Edith Elliott is attending the Conservatory of Music at Lincoln, Neb.

Mrs. J. T. Ivens spent Sunday at Cisco with her sons.

H. Ward of Mt. Zion went to Chicago yesterday with several cartloads of stock.

W. O. Brush went to Springfield, yesterday.

Mrs. Jane Kestler returned yesterday to Mt. Pulaski, after a visit here with D. Patterson and family.

Mrs. Little Sawyer left yesterday for Emporia, Kansas, where her husband now is.

Mrs. A. Conklin and Mrs. D. Sheldahl left yesterday for St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. J. B. Nove and children left yesterday for a visit at Hinesborough, Ill.

Ed Lewis is in Springfield, breathing the famous atmosphere of a republican headquarters.

Charles Weiner, of Highland, Ill., is spending a few days with relatives in Decatur.

Miss Lou Patterson, of Strator, Ill., is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Penhallegon.

Miss Mollie Hiltchcock, of Hunkley, Ill., sister of Mrs. C. W. Montgomery, is at ladies guest.

Miss M. G. Stockbridge, of Tacoma, Wash., is studying art with Mrs. DeHart, in this city.

A. L. Platt, of Clinton, is in the city on business connected with his invention for pressing brick.

J. E. Saxton has recovered sufficiently from his late illness to go again on duty at the store.

Miss Mabel McLean has returned from Maroa, where she has been visiting her brother, Dr. McLean.

Presiding Elder Scott, of the United Brethren, living at Argenta, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. M. Watson, who has been the guest of John Quinlan and family, left yesterday for her home at Peru, Indiana.

Captain J. A. Blair of Blue Mound was here yesterday going to Maroa to inspect the G. A. R. post there.

Theo. Ivens of Cisco was in Decatur yesterday. It was the first time he had been out for several weeks. He has been suffering with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Finckelstein, of Brazil, Indiana, who have been guests of D. Joseph and family, will leave to-day for Terre Haute.

James Moran was back in the store of Kipp & Moran yesterday after being out two weeks with a slight attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sanders of 517 North Water street, are entertaining Edward Sparrow and mother, of Mechanicsburg.

Dr. Leslie and wife, of Macon, were in the city yesterday enroute home from Nanticoke, where they had been visiting friends.

Mrs. Mollie Mahua, of Columbus City, Ind., who has been visiting her brother, Justice P. B. Provost, left for her home this morning.

Henry Schluenderman, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lillie and Miss Eisenmeyer, of Trenton, Ill., departed yesterday morning for Chicago.

Mrs. W. Burger and Mrs. William Bryan, of Chicago, who have been guests of their sister, Mrs. D. H. Conklin, departed for their home yesterday morning.

The marriage of O. W. McKoon and Miss Moore will be solemnized to-morrow evening in the parlors of the parsonage of St. Patrick's church.

G. W. Cronch and family will move in a few days to Kansas City to reside permanently, and their departure will be regretted by a large number of friends and acquaintances in this city.

Charles M. Bennett left for Argenta yesterday on a week's visit with relatives.

Alderman Park was out yesterday enjoying a ride on the Decatur Short Line. This is the first time he has been down town since his late severe illness.

Mrs. S. E. Proctor, who has been at Lexington, Ky., for several months past, returned to Decatur yesterday morning.

Miss Charlotte Gillett, of Elkhart, Ill., arrived in the city yesterday morning, and is a guest of Mrs. V. H. Parks. Her mother, Mrs. J. D. Gillett, who is sister of Mrs. Parks, will arrive in Decatur this morning.

Misses Bonnie Bartholomew, Alice Piper and Anna Walston, returned yesterday morning from a visit to Lincoln, with Miss Kate Pegram. A large party was given there Saturday afternoon in their honor.

The Missing Money.

Nothing yet has been heard of the whereabouts of the money lost by the P. D. & E. company last week, in some mysterious way between here and Peoria. The money, which amounts to \$655, was sent in two packages from the Decatur office, to the general offices at Peoria, one package going through the express office here, the other being given to the messenger on the train. The money was abstracted either between the two cities or at the other end, as rigid examination showed the officers of the road that the Decatur agent, C. L. Hovey, did his duty fully, and that the office here is not responsible for the loss.

Fiftieth Birthday.

Mrs. I. Greene was most pleasantly surprised on Monday evening by about 60 of her friends, at her home on East Eldorado street, the occasion being her fiftieth birthday anniversary. The evening passed most pleasantly with games and conversation. An elegant supper was served at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Greene was the recipient of quite a number of nice presents.

Office Open.

Mrs. M. A. Bradley, secretary of the Charitable and Industrial Union will be at the office on North Park street from 9 till 12 every day this week.

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### MORE SEWER TALK.

#### THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE.

After a Long Discussion, Principally About Special Taxation and Special Assessments a Report to the Council is Adopted.

Aldermen Metz and Simpson were the only members absent last night when the council met in committee of the whole to discuss the sewer question. It was the second meeting of the council for that purpose.

Ald. Harwood, the chairman, called the meeting to order, and remarked that the first thing would be the report of the special committee appointed at the last meeting. After a little discussion as to who was the chairman, Ald. Graham volunteered a report.

He said that it was his understanding that the committee considered the plan of Ald. Finn impracticable and unfeasible, because the city could not make a tax to extend the two per cent. limitation. The committee was of the opinion that the sewers should be built by special tax on the property benefited, with perhaps 25 per cent. of the whole cost of the improvement to be paid from the general fund.

The mayor asked Mr. Finn if he had clearly in his mind the distinction between special assessments and special taxation.

The alderman replied that he had, and said in the case of a special assessment, the one assessed could appeal from the decision of the commissioners and the court as to what should be paid, and a benefit must be shown to accrue to the ones assessed. In special taxation the council has the sole right to say what the tax shall be, regardless of what benefit comes to the holder of the property. It is not necessary to show that any benefit is received at all, but the tax must be on property next the improvement.

Mayor Kanam thought special taxation had advantages over special assessments.

Ald. Graham said if the property owners were to fight these assessments in the courts, he would conclude that they didn't want a sewer, and the city had better wait till they did want one.

It occurred to Ald. Scanlan that there was but one plan to build a system of sewers, and that was by special taxation, for the reason that if special assessments were chosen we would have a great amount of litigation on hands. There are people in every community who are opposed to everything. They could fight the special assessment plan and deter the improvement for some time. By special taxation the council can make easier terms, paying a certain sum each year for five years from the general fund.

He said the sewer question had been most grossly misrepresented to the people. They had come to him with the statement that their assessments would be \$200 to \$300. The average property is assessed at not over \$400. Take in the second district, the average assessment will not be over \$21 on each property, to be paid in five years, which is not by any means an onerous tax.

Ald. Graham asked him if he would not use special assessments.

Ald. Scanlan replied, "No Sir" He would adopt the Williams plan, and then from the general fund of the city, set aside a certain amount each year to aid the several districts that needed it. Say \$5000 or \$6000 a year, or possibly more. He thought the first district needed a sewer worse than the second district, but they didn't want one as much.

Mr. Moran said as one of the special committee that its understanding of its duty was to find what plan would be most feasible and least burdensome. To their satisfaction they found that general taxation could not be used at all. Then it was decided that the best plan would be to make an ordinance passed covering the two districts as a whole. By special taxation they could go a short distance from the sewer. That they thought would be burdensome on the immediate property owners. Then they thought it would be well to have a commission appointed, estimates made, and benefits ascertained, before the assessments were made, that the city council might know just what was to be done before any definite action was taken towards levying a tax. Then the city could see just how much it could pay from the general fund.

Ald. Graham in reply to a question from Ald. Shoemaker, explained again the distinction between special taxation and special assessments. The one must be on contiguous property, which practically means a benefit to the amount of the assessment was received. He was in favor of the Williams plan, and thought it should be adopted. He thought it could be built by special taxation.

Ald. Finn said at the last meeting he was of the opinion that contiguous did not mean immediately joining, but in argument with a map from the fourth ward the day after, he referred to the dictionary and found that Mr. Webster's opinion was different from his own. He admitted, therefore, that contiguous meant immediately next to. By special taxation the tax would be levied on contiguous property. He thought that that would be unjust, as other property would be benefited. Therefore he favored the special assessment plan, because all those who were benefited would pay for the improvement. A decision in another city had shown that the city could pay for part from the general fund and the rest by special assessment. The council, he thought, however, could not create a debt to be paid in five years.

### THE REPORT.

He suggested this resolution: That this committee recommend to the council that a system of sewerage be established in the city, the expense to be paid by general taxation to the extent of general benefits and the city's ability to pay the same out of the public funds, the balance to be paid by special assessment of the property benefited, in proportion to the benefits actually derived to the property assessed.

The mayor asked him why not state that 25 per cent. should be paid from the general fund?

Ald. Finn thought it should pay more.

Ald. Scanlan and the mayor said it could not, and the former said the commissioners' report showed the cost would be \$20,000 or \$40,000 for one and \$60,000 for the other.

"Hanging the report of the commission," explained Ald. Finn; "they have reported all manner of things."

He was of the opinion that the city could pay half the expense of the improvement. The total annual income of the city at the full 2 per cent. tax would be \$135,000; the total outgo was \$92,000, leaving about \$45,000 as a surplus to pay for sewers. He assumed that the city's income would increase \$12,000 this year, as it had done last year.

Ald. Shoemaker wanted to hear from the city attorney as to what the council could do. Several aldermen remarked that the attorney was a member of the committee and it had reported.

The attorney arose and began by saying that he had continued his studies of the subject further. Then he gave again the distinction between special assessments and special taxation and cited decisions of the courts. He gave an extended description of the two different systems, with numerous examples. He evidently leaned toward the special assessment plan.

Ald. Finn moved the adoption of his resolution. Ald. Graham seconded the motion.

The mayor asked what general benefit meant. Ald. Finn replied the general sanitary benefit. Then the mayor said he wanted to know how much that was to amount. If it was to be 40 per cent. he should vote no. Ald. Finn said it was referred to the whole council.

The mayor moved to amend that the city should be 25 per cent. Ald. Scanlan seconded the mayor's amendment.

Ald. Finn moved to amend the amendment by making it 40 per cent.

The amendment was lost by an overwhelming vote.

Ald. Moran moved to amend by making the amount one-third. Ald. Finn seconded that. The yeas and nays were called for, and City Attorney McDonald was appointed clerk. There was a tie vote, Graham, Scanlan, May and Kanam voting no, and the amendment lost.

The original amendment of 25 per cent. was then carried, Aldermen Graham, Scanlan, Harwood, May, and Mayor Kanam voting aye.

The original resolution as amended was adopted without dissenting voice.

After general discussion about sewers, lateral and other matters, the committee adjourned.

### THE OPINION.

of the aldermen as expressed afterwards, was that the report adopted meant a decided step towards the perfection of a plan of sewerage that can be adopted. All the aldermen seemed to be nearer one mind than ever before, and it now looks that something may be done.

### TRACK AND TRAIN.

The I. C. intends putting on more freight trains at once.

Paymaster Fred Reed, of the I. C., was in the city yesterday.

C. Lucas, traveling passenger agent of the Washab, was in the city yesterday.

Empty box cars are at a premium with other people besides knights of the road.

Washab passenger coach No. 60 was treated to a brand new set of trucks yesterday.

General Foreman Shoemaker, of the Washab shops, has returned from a visit to Chicago.

M. M. Martin, superintendent of the Washab car department, is in New York on business.

Frank Templeton, a popular C. & A. engineer, of Mexico, Mo., is visiting friends in Decatur.

The section crews on most of the roads have been cut down during the remainder of the winter.

The extension of the I. D. & W. to Rockhouse from this city is again being talked of in railroad circles.

John Barton, a former T. H. & P. car driver, but lately acting in the same capacity for the Big Four, has become insane and placed in an Indianapolis asylum.

Railroad managers are seriously considering the advisability of abolishing stoves altogether on passenger coaches and substituting steam heat. They claim it will render travel more safe but it will be hard on the engines.

There was a collision between two freight trains on the I. & St. L. near Moro the other day; some oil tanks were tapped suddenly and violently and now the people of Moro and vicinity have got all the oil they need for the next year or two.

The many friends of Conductor John Clark, in Decatur, will be pained to learn that he has lost his right eye. He was trying to make a coupling at Litchfield, when the coupling pin flew up, striking him in the eye and felling it forever. Mr. Clark is running a train on the J. S. E.

### A Marriage License.

Thomas W. Howard, Springfield, ..... \$0

Miss Kate Conner, Decatur, ..... \$25

### DONE TO DEATH.

By a Washab Engine—The Railroad Folks Exonerated From Blame.

There was another cruel death last Sunday morning about 11 o'clock, when a Washab engine 14 struck Patrick Ryan, a well-known farmer who lived about three miles west of town. He was walking into the city and had reached the Union street crossing when the engine struck him, throwing him a considerable distance, and killing him almost instantly. His forehead was crushed, and his jaw, left shoulder and both legs were broken. He and the train were going in the same direction, and it appears from the evidence that he was walking between the double tracks, and was really in no danger if he had not stepped on the track directly in front of the train, he probably imagining he was getting out of harm's way.

Conductor Seiwald had the remains taken to the Union depot, from whence they were removed to P. Lee's undertaking room, where Coroner Beaudre held an inquest over them Sunday evening. The jury was composed of F. H. Converse, foreman; J. N. Adams, Joseph Baxter, James McKinley, J. F. Watson and Louis Vincent, and the following verdict was rendered: "Deceased came to his death by being struck by Washab engine 14, at Union street crossing in the city of Decatur. We, the undersigned jurors, do exonerate the railroad company from all blame in the matter."

Below is the testimony of witnesses.

Peter Noonan, engineer of train 34, testified: I was in charge of the engine that struck Ryan; train arrived at 11:10 a. m. I first saw the man walking along the track, going east, as we came around the curve, I gave the usual four whistles, after that I saw the man walking back and forth, and the man was walking between the tracks as the train approached. He was in no danger there. The bell was ringing. He stopped on the track in front of the engine when I was close I could not see him; didn't know he had got on the track until the fireman called out and I threw up my hands; then I applied the brakes and stopped the train. The man had no packages and did not appear to be intoxicated. The train was going at 12 to 15 miles per hour.

William H. Slater, fireman of the engine, corroborated Noonan's statement.

John Lyon testified that Ryan could not hear well.

Alexander Wright testified: The train was going 15 to 20 miles an hour; Ryan was not dead when I reached him; did not see him struck; he was not found of bearing I heard no whistle, but heard bell ringing. Deceased owns 30 acres of land near Stevens' creek, west of Decatur; he had no basket or packages.

Michael O'Connor, mail carrier in the second ward, was called to state that there is no sidewalk over the railroad at the east side of the Union street crossing, none on the east side south of the road, and none on the north side as far north as the front of Jacob Hostetter's residence.

Will Towling, Mrs. Lucinda Gilbert, Le Roy Ralph and Edward Flynn also testified. Deceased was about 50 years old and left considerable property on Stevens' Creek. He had a brother William living in Macon who was present at the funeral, and he leaves numerous friends and acquaintances to mourn his untimely death. The funeral took place yesterday from the Catholic church, where the services were conducted by Rev. Father Mackin and the remains were followed by a number of friends to their last resting place in the Catholic cemetery.

### Will Be Buried Here.

James H. Bristow formerly of Decatur, died yesterday in San Diego, California, aged 28, of consumption. Mr. Bristow went to California about a year ago with the hope that the famed climate of that state would benefit him. His death removes the last member of the James Bristow family, his father having been killed by the explosion of his engine at the depot several years ago, and his mother and two sisters having died later. B. O. McKeenolds will have the body brought to Decatur for interment.

### Going Hunting.

A party of Decatur sportsmen consisting of Peter Williams, William Stewart, William Boyd D. F. Perry and John Orr started yesterday with a complete camping outfit for a week or ten days hunt in Moultrie county.

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